



Dear District 10 Friends & Residents,

June is always an action packed month in District 10 for so many reasons! Not only are we celebrating the accomplishments of graduates young and old, we also get to thank our Fathers for all their hard work in raising us. Of course, even with a heartfelt congratulations to our recent grads and dedicated fathers, the most important aspect of June for me is making sure District 10 is represented in the final Budget process.

On Monday May 21st I forwarded seven budget proposals to Mayor Reed based on feedback from my second annual Budget/Neighborhood Forum, held on Saturday May 5th, 2007. Among these various proposals, I have requested 6 Full-Time Police Officers be added to patrol. This would be in addition to the 15 added officers already proposed in the current budget. Three of these positions would likely be deployed to the southern portion of the City. The other three positions would add additional motorcycle patrol officers to the streets to monitor speeding and address the danger of red-light runners. These positions are vital to maintain safe roadways. I also requested that additional funding/staffing be allocated to the Neighborhood Watch program. District 10 has been underserved for far too long when it comes to the number of police on our streets. These requests bolster our police force and neighborhood watch program, ensuring that residents can feel safer within their homes and neighborhoods.

Lastly, many in attendance at the Budget Forum wanted the Council to look at revenue generating ideas. In response to these ideas, I submitted two requests. First, a request for additional staff for the Office of Economic Development. These new positions would concentrate on the City's retail strategy, aiming to fix our sales tax leakage problems and proactively helping businesses expand and relocate to San Jose. Second, establish a one-time, two-year pilot program dedicated to obtaining additional grants from foundations, private donors, and other non-governmental philanthropic sources, for the purpose of creating revenue-generating capacity across our City departments.

It is critical that we pursue new methods and ideas when it comes to increasing our revenue which provides funding to City departments.

Whether increasing park maintenance funding and creating more sports fields or finding ways to improve our street maintenance process, I am committed to working with staff to explore new possibilities. In the coming weeks Mayor Reed will take input from all Councilmembers and submit his final Budget Message for adoption to Council in June. I will continue to work my hardest to ensure that District 10 is well represented in this process.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Nancy Pyle'.

Nancy Pyle  
Councilmember, District Ten

## June 2007 Issue



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Councilmember Nancy Pyle serves as an official parade judge at the VEP Community Association's Annual Memorial Day on Monday, May 28th 2007.

### • Community Sports Fields Study

One of the first deliverables for the Community Sports Field Study will be best practice information from other jurisdictions. A survey has been sent to 13 cities (including Phoenix, San Diego, Santa Clara, Sacramento, San Francisco, Dallas, Denver and Seattle among others) to collect data regarding field inventory, field use, field reservation, sports programming needs/trends, field maintenance practices, revenue sources, partnership opportunities/shared development, customer input processes as well as emerging opportunities.

For those who may be interested in participating in this effort, monthly general community meetings have been scheduled from 6 - 7:30 pm. A complete meeting schedule is available online at

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/RecreationSports/sfindex.asp>

### • Solar Energy Award

San Jose, Orange County (FL), and Forest City Military Communities (HI) have been selected by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for Solar America Showcases. Making solar energy cost-competitive by 2015 is a key goal of the President's Solar Energy Initiative. The Showcase program is part of that effort. Technical assistance and cost-benefit analysis will be provided to San Jose by DOE during the City's evaluation of the potential for solar photovoltaic and thermal applications at multiple large municipal buildings and complexes. Eight downtown buildings have been identified as potentially capable of generating up to two megawatts of total solar energy.

### • Affordable Housing Week

During the week of May 12-20, Santa Clara County celebrated Affordable Housing Week which is aimed at educating and motivating the entire community around affordable housing issues. In celebration of Affordable Housing Week, organizations throughout the County provided first time homebuyer seminars, as well as educational workshops on ending homelessness, affordable housing and solving the affordable housing crisis. As part of the week long event, the City hosted its 4th Annual Project Homeless Connect. This is a one-day event where homeless service providers were all accessible to the homeless community in one location. For more information on affordable housing please call the Housing Department at (408) 535-3860 or visit <http://www.sjhousing.org/homeless.html> for more information on homeless services.

### • Graffiti Investigation Yields Results

A year-long graffiti investigation of the "MTS" tagging crew, has resulted in the issuance of six search warrants and five arrests. Officers have also completed 24 felony vandalism cases.

### • Fire Department Updates

On April 26th, 26 fire fighter recruits graduated from the Fire Department's Fire Academy. They will remain on the Academy campus for one more week for additional EMS paramedic accreditation training. On April 30th, a Fire Academy started with 25 new recruits. Recruits will attend the Academy for 18 weeks. Personnel graduating from this Academy will enable the Department to staff new Fire Stations 33 (Communications Hill) and 35



*Thinking of ways to get involved in our community? For more information please contact the District 10 Office at (408) 535-4910*

### Good News For San Jose's Urban Forest!

Neighborhoods and schools in all San Jose council districts are eligible for free shade trees and technical services again in 2007-2008 due to Our City Forest successfully obtaining two new State urban forestry planting grants.

The two grants are as follows:

#### Planting Grants - \$345,000

- **Citywide:** 1,200 15-gallon shade trees available for all neighborhoods, parks, schools and City Facilities; including cement-cutting & auguring
- **South San Jose:** 1,200 15-gallon shade trees available for neighborhoods, parks, schools and City facilities within two miles of Highway 85 between Hwy 101 and Hwy 17; including cement-cutting & auguring

These grants expire in 2009 or until the trees are planted.



#### Early Tree Care Grant & Community Tree Care Education - \$345,000

Citywide: 8,000 trees 10 years or younger to receive structural pruning and basic tree care such as emergency watering, weeding around basin, berm restoration, stake adjustments & removal of suckers.

To apply for these grants or learn more, please visit [www.ourcityforest.org](http://www.ourcityforest.org)



(Cottle & Poughkeepsie).

On May 12th the Fire Department conducted a recognition ceremony to recognize over 50 firefighters and residents for outstanding service to the Department and community. Fifty-five residents and firefighters were nominated by their peers. Of note was the "Civilian Valor Awards" given to three individuals for performing acts of heroism.

- **Police Officer Honored**

Captain Diane Urban, Commander of the San Jose Police Department's Special Operations Division has been selected as the recipient of a 2007 California Women Peace Officers' Association (WPOA) Award for Professional Achievement. Captain Urban was selected from a group of nominees from throughout the State.

- **Route 87 Update**

Over the Memorial Day weekend, VTA opened the northbound mainline portion of the freeway from Highway 280 to Julian Street which has been closed since September 2005 to accomodate construction of the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Project to widen the freeway from four to six lanes. The recent completion of the southern segment of Highway 87 High Occupancy Vehicle Project in early May of this year combined with the opening of the mainline segment and the associated HOV lane represent a significant milestone that will allow for Highway 87 to have a continuous HOV lane from Highway 85 (southbound) to Highway 101 (northbound). The Highway 87 Southbound HOV lane is anticipated to open in July 2007.

- **Regional Emergency Coordination Plan**

On April 26th, staff attended a workshop which announced the initial publication of the Bay Area's Regional Emergency Coordination Plan. This plan, funded by San Francisco's 2003 UASI grant, outlines regional response to a catastrophic incident. The purpose of the workshop was to provide an overview of the plan, which is still in its infancy, and encourage emergency management organizations to provide comment prior to final publication this Fall.

- **City & HP Pavilion Agree to Major Facility Improvements**

The HP Pavilion will receive a number of major facility enhancements under a tentative agreement announced last month. The upgrades will enhance the experience of the roughly 1.75 million people who attend sporting events, concerts, family shows and other events at the HP Pavilion each year. Under the proposed agreement signage around the interior of the Pavilion will be upgraded with LED displays along with a new center scoreboard, the sound system and acoustics would be enhanced and the video system will be upgraded to support high definition video.

- **National Agencies Reaffirm City's AA+ Rating**

All three national rating agencies this month reaffirmed the City of San Jose AA+ credit rating, citing strong financial mangement and economic development activities. Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch all confirmed the City's rating for General Obligation (GO) bonds with a stable outlook. San Jose continues to sustain the highest bond rating of any large city in California. This is the City's seventh consecutive year with an AA+ rating.

## **City Hall Falcons - Join in on the Fun!**

**The City Hall Peregrine falcons are attracting a worldwide audience!** As many of you know, three eggs hatched on April 28th and these young falcons have drawn quite a crowd on our City's Falcon cam. Thus far there have been over **80,000 webcam hits and 19,000 visitors**. People are keeping an eye on the hatchlings, or eyases, from Italy, England, Canada, and Baghdad, as well as from across the country.



In mid-May it was determined by Researcher Brian Latta (UC Santa Cruz Predatory Bird Research Group) that two of the falcons are female and one is male, after rappeling off the roof of City Hall and banding the birds from 18 stories up.

The fledglings are expected to fledge (growing their adult feathers and beating their wings quickly in preparation for flight) as early as the first week in June.

On June 5th the official names of the three young falcons were announced: Spirit (female), Hiko (Male), and Esperanza (female). These names were selected during a naming contest involving middle school students across the City of San Jose.

See these amazing San Jose residents for yourself by visiting <http://falconcam.sanjoseca.gov/nest> or learn more [here](#).

### **City Wide Phone List**

Call Center	535-3500
Police Non-Emergency	311
Anti-Graffiti/Litter	277-3208
Animal Care	578-7297
City Arborist	277-2762
Crime Prevention	277-4133

## District 10 Announcements, Highlights & Events

**District 10 is proud to be a participating organization**



### **Almaden Relay for Life 2007- 24 Hour Relay Event to Support the American Cancer Society**

10:00 am Saturday, June 30th – 10:00 am Sunday, July 1st @ Leland High School

Relay For Life® is a fun-filled overnight event designed to bring together those who have been touched by cancer in our community. During the event, teams of people gather at schools, fairgrounds, or parks and take turns walking or running laps. Each team tries to keep at least one team member on the track at all times.

But, Relay is much more than a walk around a track. It is a time to remember those lost to cancer and celebrate those who have survived. It is a night for people who have shared the same experience to comfort and console one another. During this event, we honor survivors during the Survivors Lap and we remember those we lost to cancer during the Luminaria Ceremony.

**Councilmember Nancy Pyle and her staff have created a Relay Team and are recruiting members! If you would like to join our team, please contact Stephanie @ 535-4982 or [Stephanie.holm@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Stephanie.holm@sanjoseca.gov)**

### **District 10 Welcomes New Businesses!**

Councilmember Pyle was pleased to attend the grand opening of Sonasoft in District 10 last month. Sonasoft automates disk-to-disk backup and recovery processes for servers, enabling the recovery of crashed files. Founded in 2002, their customers include Stanford University, Dolby, the IRS, One World Health, Glide Foundation, Ariba and QuitNet. Be sure to check back in future editions of Nancys News to see what other new and exciting businesses have come to District 10.

If you are the owner of a small business that has recently opened in District 10 and would like to be featured in our small business section, please e-mail [district10@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district10@sanjoseca.gov).

Crime Stoppers	947-STOP
Drug Hotline	971-DRUG
DOT	277-4373
Environmental Services	535-8550
Hazardous Materials	277-4659
Housing	535-3860
Neighborhood Development Center	723-4114
Parking Enforcement	534-2900
Vehicle Abatement	277-5305
Gang Hotline	293-4264

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## Neighborhood Center

### Councilmember Pyle Celebrates Bike To Work Day in an Alternative Way!

Whether riding their bikes or taking light rail, Councilmember Nancy Pyle's office had 100% participation in the Bike to Work Day event held on Thursday May 17th, 2007. Councilmember Pyle and a small group of co-riders including John Weis, Richard Keit, Angela Kelly of the San Jose Redevelopment Agency met at the Chynoweth and Pearl Light Rail Station at 7:30 am on the morning of Bike to Work Day. This group, staffed by District 3 council assistant Khanh Bui and District 10 Communications Director Eric Crane, rode the light rail into Downtown San Jose in order to highlight alternative, environmentally friendly methods of transportation when bicycling may not be a feasible option. The trip took under half an hour, getting Councilmember Pyle and her colleagues to City Hall just in time for a press conference in City Hall's plaza highlighting the day's events.

Councilmember Pyle stated, "My office was the only Council District with 100% participation and many of my staff, including myself, plan to take light rail to City Hall in the future. In my mind, Bike to Work Day really illustrates the fact that every small action leads to greater change."

For more information regarding Bike to Work Day please visit the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition's website at <http://www.svbcbikes.org/bike-to-work-day/>



### City Council Meetings

The City Council convenes every Tuesday at 1:30 PM at 200 East Santa Clara Street. On the first and third Tuesday of the month the Council meets at 7:00 PM for Public Hearings. Meetings can also be viewed on the web at [www.sanjoseca.gov](http://www.sanjoseca.gov) or on the City cable TV station, Channel 26/26A.

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### Community Calendar June 2007

*In our world this month the G-8 summit will be held in Heilighendam, Germany and America's Cup will be hosted in Valencia, Spain.*

#### Wednesday, June 6th: 7:30 - 8:30 pm **Montevideo Homeowners' Association Monthly Meeting**

Corner of Coleman and Camden, in the clubhouse behind the pool

#### Wednesday, June 6th: 9:45- 11:00 am **Almaden Senior Association Monthly Meeting**

Almaden Community Center ; 6445 Camden Avenue

<http://www.almadenseniors.org/>

#### Thursday, June 7th: 6:00 - 8:30 PM **ABA Business Networking Mixer**

300 San Jose (Formerly Oakridge Bowling);  
5420 Thornwood Drive

#### Monday, June 11th: 7:00 - 9:00 pm **Almaden Valley Community Association (AVCA) meeting**

Almaden Community Center ; 6445 Camden Avenue

<http://www.avca-sj.org>

#### Monday, June 11th: 7:00 – 9:00 pm **Final Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget**

City Call Wing Room 118, 119 and 120  
200 East Santa Clara Street

#### Thursday, June 14th: 7:00 - 8:30 pm **Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA)**

Southside Community Center

<http://www.stfna.org/stf>

Sunday, June 17th: Father's Day



## The San Jose Mercury News "Best in Silicon Valley" honors District 10 Businesses!



Congratulations to the following District 10 businesses for their selection by Mercury News readers as the "Best in Silicon Valley."

**Chinese: Mandarin Gourmet**  
5560 Santa Teresa Blvd  
281-8898

[www.themandaringourmet.com](http://www.themandaringourmet.com)

**Bartender: Tomas Grimaldo at Unwined**

6946 Almaden Expressway  
323-9463

[www.unwinedshop.com](http://www.unwinedshop.com)

**Day Care Provider: YMCA**  
5632 Santa Teresa Blvd  
226-9622

[www.scvymca.org/southvalley](http://www.scvymca.org/southvalley)

**Outdoor Dining: Aqui**  
5679 Snell Avenue  
362-3456

[www.aquicalmex.com](http://www.aquicalmex.com)

**Wine List: Unwined**  
6946 Almaden Expressway  
323-9463

[www.unwinedshop.com](http://www.unwinedshop.com)

Hard work, dedication, and a great product get noticed! District 10 is the home to some of the best Silicon Valley has to offer. (For the complete list visit [www.mercurynews.com](http://www.mercurynews.com) and search for Best In Silicon Valley.)

### Happy Father's Day

**"When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years."**

*~ Mark Twain*

**"A father is a fellow who has replaced the currency in his wallet with the snapshots of his kids."**

*~ Anonymous*

Monday, June 18th: 5:30 – 9:00 pm  
**Coyote Valley Specific Plan Meeting**  
City Call Wing Room 118, 119 and 120  
200 East Santa Clara Street

Wed., June 20th: 6:00 – 7:30 pm  
**[Hoffman Via Monte](#) Neighborhood Action Coalition Monthly Meeting**  
Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Center;  
1180 Blossom Hill Road, #2

Wed., June 20th: 6:00 – 8:00 PM  
**D10 Youth Advisory Council Meeting**  
Almaden Community Center ; 6445 Camden Ave

**VEP Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting's will return in September**  
Vista Park Community Room ( Hyde Park Dr. & New Compton Drive)  
<http://www.vepca.org>

Saturday, June 30th–Sunday, July 1st  
10:00 am 6/30 – 10:00 am 7/1  
**[Almaden Relay for Life](#)**  
Leland High School; 6677 Camden Avenue

Wednesday, July 4th  
**Independence Day**



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